

BIO – Valerie Wilson Reed

Valerie Wilson Reed, Editor - Producer

A 1979 alumna, Valerie Wilson Reed has spent the last 20 years as a volunteer at Marquette University. In 2001, she became a founding member of the Ethnic Alumni Association (now Black Alumni Association) and served as the EAA's third president from 2004 – 2006. Valerie became a member of the Marquette University National Alumni Board of Directors from 2007 – 2012 and served as the National Alumni Board's president in 2011. She has recruited numerous students to Marquette, including her daughter, and has served on the College of Communications Board, a mentor for the university's mentoring program and participated in several panels and speaking engagements. In 2018, Valerie received Marquette's All-University Service to Marquette Award. She is the editor of the upcoming book, "Black Marquette in Their Own Words: *Overcoming Obstacles & Achieving Success*". As owner of Valcooks LLC, a culinary entertainment and products-oriented business in Illinois, she produces "Valcooks Kitchen", a cooking show which is nationally streamed on the American Legacy Network and Instagram.